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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Hong LI
PROTECTION ELEMENT, METHOD FOR LAYING CABLE IN A GROOVE
SYSTEM AND CABLE LAYOUT
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q77917

22387 U.S. PTO
10/688938
102103


Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 8 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	6	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$770.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$810.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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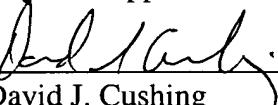
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	02360358.2	December 18, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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